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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Pugh et al.
 App'n. No.: 09/601,028
 Filed: July 26, 2000
 For: A SYNTHETIC BIOMATERIAL COMPOUND

Confirmation No.:
 Group No.: 1616
 Examiner: R. DeWitty

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

October 29, 2001

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 3 months to respond to the Office Action dated June 27, 2001.
2. Applicant is ☒ a small entity; ☐ other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

	Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$400.00	\$200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months*	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory
 limit for response to an Official Action.

Fee Enclosed \$460.00

- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any additional
 extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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Respectfully submitted,

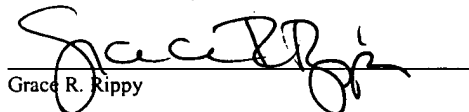


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